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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Justification for Production of Magnetic Dead Drops

1. Magnetic Dead Drops are plastic containers with built-in magnets to permit their easy attachment to any ferromagnetic surface. Their primary use is as mobile dead drops - attached to trains and vehicles. They are usually used to hold messages, film, and small items of hardware.

2. The first requirement for Magnetic Dead Drops was fulfilled by making inexpensive tooling for hand molding a small number of boxes using vinyl plastisol. Although this method was suitable for the quantities desired at that time, repeated demands for these boxes have made it imperative that other production means be found which would be more economical for larger scale production. Accordingly, it has been determined that the desired 2000 units in four different sizes can best be made from polyethylene by injection molding.

3. The estimated cost for this procurement, including preparation of molds and furnishing of drawings and specifications, is \$15,514.00. Costs should be charged against Allotment Number 9-6896-10-000 Stock Procurement Account, TBS Material. From the total quantity of 2000 units, ten of each of the four sizes should be set aside for testing by TBS. The remaining 1960 should be placed in stock.

4. Any questions relating to this production should be directed to [redacted] Room 210, West Outbuilding, extension [redacted]

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